

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 12.1h

Meeting Date: September 3, 2020

Subject: Approve Minutes of the August 20, 2020, Board of Education Meeting



BOARD OF EDUCATION

writing, identifying the matter number and the name of the public member at the URL <https://tinyurl.com/SCUSDcommentAugust20>; or (3) using the same URL, submitting a request for oral comment only when the matter is called, instead of written comment. Regardless of the method by which public comment is submitted, the submission deadline for closed and open session items shall be no later than noon, August 20. Individual written public comment shall be no more than two minutes in length on each agenda or nonagenda item. The Board shall limit the total time for public comment on each agenda item, including communications and organizational reports, to 15 minutes in length. With Board consent, the President may increase or decrease the length of time allowed for public comment, depending on the topic and the number of written public comments.

Public Comment: Monica Harvey

3.0 CLOSED SESSION

While the Brown Act creates broad public access rights to the meetings of the Board of Education, it also recognizes the legitimate need to conduct some of its meetings outside of the public eye. Closed session meetings are specifically defined and limited in scope. They primarily involve personnel issues, pending litigation, labor negotiations, and real property matters.

- 3.1 Government Code 54956.9 - Conference with Legal Counsel:
 - a) Existing litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(1) of Government Code section 54956.9 (OAH Case No. 2020040567 and OAH Case No. 2020040288)*
 - b) Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code section 54956.9 (One Potential Case)*
 - c) Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(4) of Government Code section 54956.9 (One Potential Case)**
- 3.2 Government Code 54957.6 (a) and (b) Negotiations/Collective Bargaining TCS, SCTA Government Code 54957.6 (a) and (b) Negotiations/Collective Bargaining SCTA, SEIU, TCS, Teamsters, UPE, Non-Represented/Confidential Management (District Representative Pam Manwiller)*
- 3.3 Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment*
- 3.4 Government Code 54957 – Public Employee Performance Evaluation
 - a) Superintendent**
- 3.5 Student Record Appeal (AR 5125.3; Education Code 49070)*
- 3.6 Education Code 35146 – The Board will hear staff recommendations on the following student expulsion re-entry:
 - a) Expulsion #19, 2018-19**

4.0 CALL BACK TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- 4.1 The Pledge of Allegiance*

Public Comment:

Toni Colley-Perry

Emma Snuggs

learning in the Fall. He reminded that the start of school is just two weeks away and thanked Board members that participated in the recent Town Hall meeting on school reopening. He also thanked Liz Guillen from Public Advocates, Dr. Kasirye of Sacramento County Public Health, and District staff. He went over what should be expected of the District in the Fall, including communication, accountability, and first rate instruction with any learning loss from the Spring being made up. He added that we must assess student progress on a regular basis. He went over ways the District has been proactive in planning for instruction in the Fall.

9.4 President's Report (Jessie Ryan)

Information

President Ryan spoke about challenges being faced currently on every level. She said that the system is inequitable by design and therefore does not meet the needs of the most vulnerable students. She hopes we have the courage and commitment to change this at this moment in time.

9.5 Student Member Report (Isa Sheikh)

Information

Student Member Sheikh introduced himself and said it is an honor to serve his peers and the District as a student board member. He said he is and will work hard to reach out to all District students. He reported on an Instagram survey that went out to students and on findings from that which illustrated challenges and shortcomings regarding distance learning. He also spoke about mental health and a lack of counselors for students. He said that, now more than ever, he feels our attention needs to be pointed towards this.

9.6 Information Sharing by Board Members

Information

Member Vang thanked her LCAP representatives for their work to help organize three town halls that happened in Area 5. She also thanked the parents, staff, and community members that attended. She reported on those town halls. She thanked Member Garcia and the Superintendent for attending the Spanish town hall. She reported that she will be holding virtual community office hours every Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. or by appointment on Zoom. She shared her phone number publically for calls or text at (916) 245-0519 and also stated that her Facebook page has a drop-in Zoom link.

President Ryan gave the District parent hotline, 916-643-7400.

Member Garcia welcome the new student board member and thanked Member Vang for inviting her to participate in the DELAC town hall meeting. She said she borrowed that idea to list her own listening session earlier in the week and will hold more as the school year begins. She shared that from her listening session she learned that live instruction is a must, pre-recorded and clear lessons without the inclusion of students in the recordings are a must, special education student needs must be met, class schedules need to be available as soon as possible, enrichment activities are necessary, outdoor learning is encouraged, tech training for parents is mandatory, quick response time from teachers is appreciated, a help hotline for parents is needed, child care and after school care is critical for all essential workers, an increase in communication is a must,

social/emotional and mental health needs must be addressed, and working with teachers to make sure all gets rolled out as smoothly as possible is essential. Member Garcia said thank you for the update on advisory groups at the District level and asked to look at having a conversation to look at schools to be renamed.

Second Vice President Minnick welcomed Student Board Member Isa Sheikh, and said he is excited to have someone that is representing a small, alternative high school this year.

Member Murawski also welcomed Student Board Member Sheikh. She reported that she was also able to have meetings in July, and that there was a lot of interest in outdoor learning. She has been working on outdoor learning with a group and gave an update on that. Member Vang said she would like to be included. Member Murawski said anyone else interested can send her an email. She said there is also a Facebook group called "Learn Outside Sacramento" which is an information sharing group.

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Public Comment:

None

Board Comments:

Member Garcia thanked Ms. Ramos for the presentation. She asked what the criteria is for the exemption available to districts. Ms. Ramos explained what is known about the process to apply for the waiver so far.

said that we want a menu of options, but then when things like parent participation preschool are talked about being eliminated, it is a catastrophe, and if we value services that are not subpar and on par with what is seen in neighboring districts, then we have very few options that are not painful. President Ryan asked Ms. Ramos to respond to the criticism for the narrative that

Member Garcia noted that the number of waivers on the graph were somewhat different from years 2019-20 to 2020-21; she felt there would have been more waiver requests due to the pandemic. Ms. Mora replied that Human Resources has been working really hard with educators that in previous years had waivers that were utilized in order to support, encourage, and work them through the process on meeting requirements. Many this past year have completed their requirements.

Member Woo made a motion to approve, and Vice President Pritchett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10.4 Approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2020-2021 School Year (Cancy McArn)

Credential Auditor Tami Mora presented. She explained the Declaration of Need, presented a graph of past areas of need, explained those areas.

Public Comment:

*Ric Vasquez
Liz Guillen*

Board Comments:

President Ryan noted that we are at a level consistent with last year in terms of a necessity for this permit, but she asked what are the hiring practices that make it difficult to recruit early enough in order to fill these position with fully credentialed teachers.

Ms. McArn replied that this Declaration of Need is for the entire year, just in case it is needed to be able to fill vacancies. The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing does not allow districts to request any permits for credentials noted unless the Board publically approves. Without this, the department would be bringing it to the Board for approval every time before the District could hire a teacher that just needed a little extra time.

Ms. McArn also explained how credential waivers relates to this and the hiring process throughout the year.

Member Garcia asked how we compare to other districts. Ms. McArn answered that taking a Declaration of Need before a board to start the year is not an unusual practice, especially for hard to fill positions such as special education. She gave examples of situations in which a Declaration of Need would be needed. Member Garcia asked how we compare with other districts in terms of numbers shared in the presentation. Ms. McArn said she would need to

- 11.1l Approve Minutes of the June 18, 2020, Board of Education Meeting (Jorge A. Aguilar)*
- 11.1m Approve Minutes of the June 25, 2020, Board of Education Meeting (Jorge A. Aguilar)*
- 11.1n Approve Minutes of the July 16, 2020, Board of Education Meeting (Jorge A. Aguilar)*
- 11.1o Approve Adoption of New Courses of Study (Christine Baeta and Matt Turkie)*
- 11.1p Approve Staff Recommendations for Expulsion Re-Entry of Expulsions #19, 2018-19, as Determined by the Board (Stephan Brown)*
- 11.1q Approve Resolution No. 3161: Authorization of Personnel to Sign Orders on District Funds (Rose Ramos)*

Public Comment on Item 11.1i: Llova Ayala-Santamaria, Leana Sanchez, Velia Mercado

President Ryan noted that Item 11.1p had not been finalized in Closed Session and asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda with an amendment to pull that item.

Member Garcia made a comment on Item 11.1c. She said that if these types of items will be in the Consent Agenda, the Board will need more background in terms in what the issue was for the complaint and how it was resolved.

A motion was made to pull Item 11.1p and approve as amended by Vice President Pritchett and seconded by Member Murawski. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended. , 2h and howR

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

President Ryan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; a motion was made by Student Member Sheikh and seconded by Vice President Pritchett. The motion was passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent and Board Secretary

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